

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

what is it?

The neighborhood plan was a recommendation of the CityShape process, where a three-level planning approach was put into place. Neighborhood plans were the most specific level of the three. Neighborhood planning is a strategic process that involves the community in the development and implementation of issue-based, action-oriented local plans that address neighborhoods' physical environment, land use and infrastructure issues.

where does it apply?

This program can be applied City-wide, although there is a focus on the more established areas in the central and southern portions of the City.

who needs to use it?

City staff and applicants involved in new development projects, infill or revitalization efforts, as well as citizen groups interested in creating a plan for their neighborhood.

why was it developed?

The program is in response to the following Council Goals:

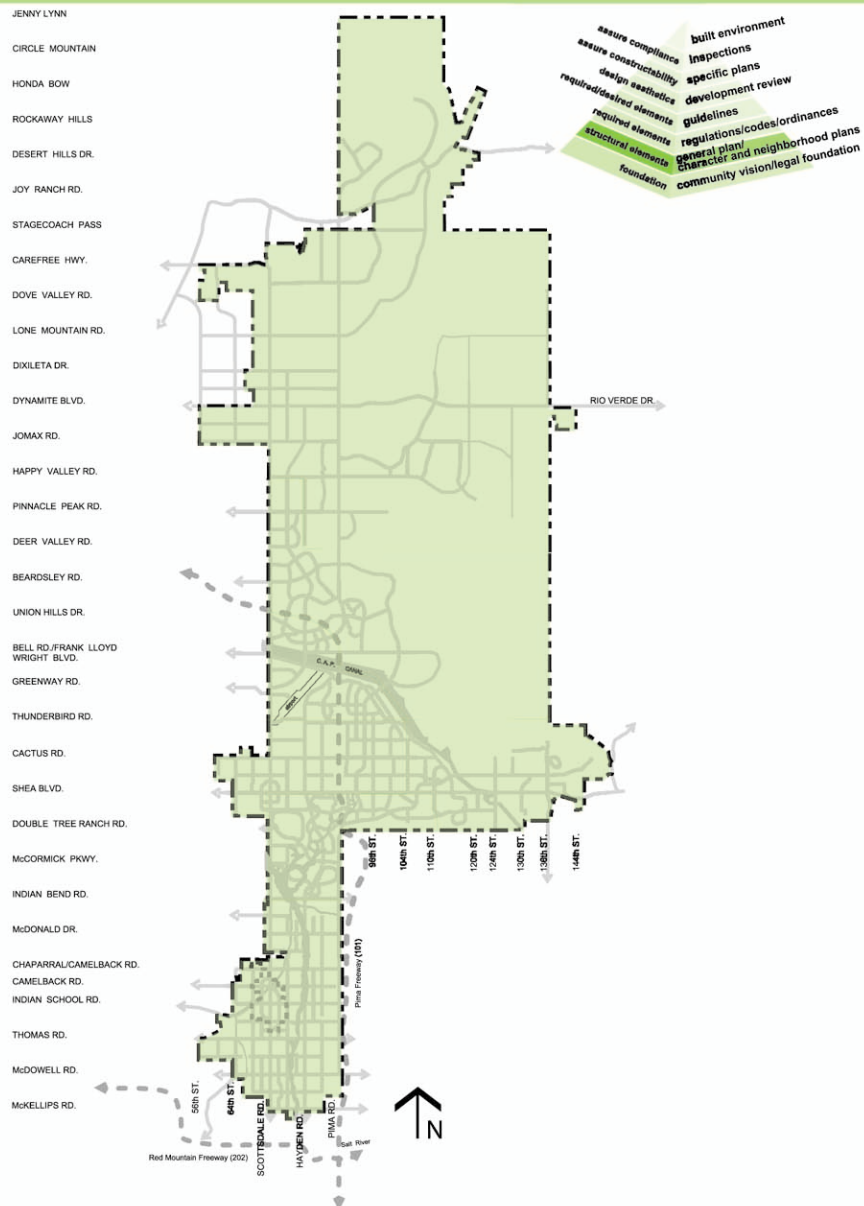
- To "Promote livability by enhancing and protecting neighborhoods",
- To address issues with the help of the people living in an smaller, specific area.

To maintain a "diverse family oriented community where neighborhoods are safe and protected from adverse impacts."

key points:

- 1 Provides a tool to maintain and enhance the vitality and character of existing neighborhoods.
- 2 Establishes a framework for harmonious development of new neighborhoods.
- 3 Provides tools to examine how new growth and infill development can be accommodated in ways that allow for preservation and strengthening of established neighborhoods.
- 4 Generates a framework for partnership and builds positive communication channels between residents, businesses and the City.
- 5 Establishes common goals, and identifies issues and priorities.
- 6 Proposes alternative solutions to be addressed in short, mid, and long range implementation schedules.
- 7 May not necessarily change the Zoning Ordinance or Codes.
- 8 Implementation actions may generate a case or petition for zoning changes.
- 9 Implementation actions may require the formation of Improvement Districts.

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where is the full policy?

Individual plans may be found in the Planning and Design Library - Community Design Studio

references and related documents:

CityShape 2020 Comprehensive Report (1996)
Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Plan (1992)
Sherwood Heights Area Neighborhood Plan (2002)
City of Scottsdale General Plan (2001)